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FoodSaver *QuickStart*

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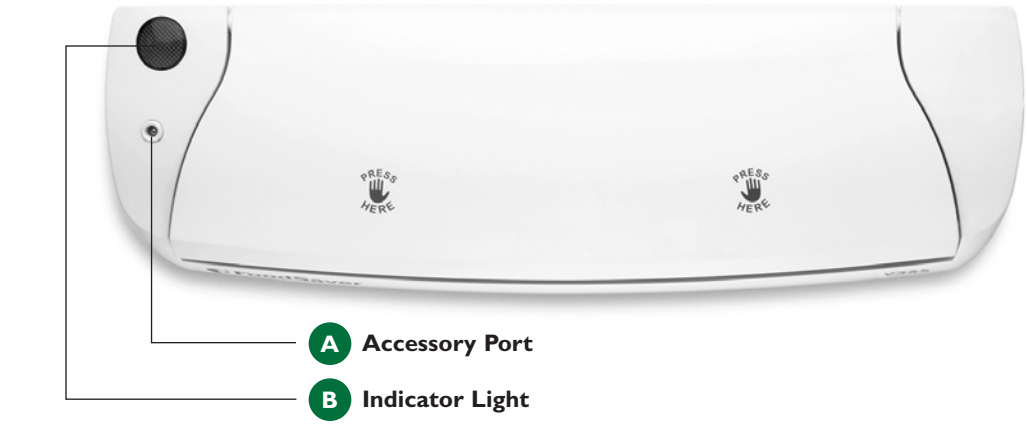
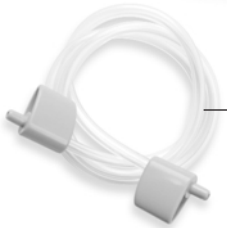
Features of Your FoodSaver Appliance



A Accessory Port

B Indicator Light



C Vacuum Channel

D Accessory Hose

E Sealing Strip

F Antibacterial Drip Tray

G Rubber Gasket

For important safety information and helpful tips, please refer to the *FoodSaver Reference Guide* included in your kit. Questions? Visit us at **www.foodsaver.com** or call 1-800-777-5452 (U.S.) or 1-877-804-5383 (Canada), Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm EST. Get tips on vacuum packaging and order FoodSaver accessories.

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Getting Started

Registering your appliance is quick and easy at ***www.foodsaver.com****.*

How to Make a Bag from a FoodSaver Roll

Place Bag on Sealing Strip

Press and Release Lid

1. Cut enough bag material from roll to hold item to be vacuum packaged, plus 3 inches. Be sure to cut straight.
2. Open appliance lid and place one open end of cut piece on Sealing Strip **(E)**, not over rubber gasket **(G)**.
3. Close lid.
4. Press down firmly on lid with both hands and hold. Indicator Light **(B)** will turn on as bag is sealing.
5. When light turns off, release lid.
6. Open lid and remove bag.

Now you are ready to vacuum package with your new bag (see below).

How to Vacuum Package with FoodSaver Bags

Place Bag in Vacuum Channel

Press and Release Lid

1. Place item(s) into bag, allowing at least 3 inches of space between bag contents and top of bag.
2. Open appliance lid and place open end of bag down into Vacuum Channel **(C)**.
3. Close lid.
4. To begin the vacuum process, press down firmly on lid with both hands and hold. Indicator Light **(B)** and motor will turn on as vacuum process begins.
5. When light and motor turn off, release lid. The vacuum process is complete.
6. Open lid and remove bag. Refrigerate or freeze if needed. (See *FoodSaver Reference Guide* for food safety tips.)

Note: Let appliance cool down for 20 seconds after each use.

FoodSaver Accessories

Accessories include FoodSaver Vacuum Packaging Canisters, Universal Lids, Jar Sealers and Bottle Stoppers.

FoodSaver Accessory Guidelines

1. Always leave at least one inch of space between contents and rim.
2. Wipe rim of canister, container or bottle to ensure it is clean and dry.
3. Place lid on canister or container, or place stopper in bottle.
4. For accessories with a large knob on lid, turn knob to **Vacuum**. Vacuum package using instructions below. When vacuum process is complete, turn knob to **Closed** before removing Accessory Hose.
5. For accessories without a large knob on lid, vacuum package using instructions below.

How to Vacuum Package with FoodSaver Accessories

Insert Accessory Hose

Press and Release Lid

1. Prepare container according to FoodSaver Accessory Guidelines above.
2. Insert one end of Accessory Hose **(D)** into Accessory Port **(A)** on appliance. Insert other end into port on accessory. Twist gray tab while inserting to ensure a tight fit.
3. To begin vacuum process, press down firmly on lid until motor starts and hold. Motor will continue to run.
4. When motor turns off, vacuum process is complete.
5. Gently twist and remove Accessory Hose from accessory and appliance.
6. To test vacuum, simply tug on accessory lid. It should not move.

Note: For important tips on using accessories with different foods, please refer to the *FoodSaver Reference Guide*.

How to Open FoodSaver Accessories after Vacuum Packaging

FoodSaver Vacuum Packaging Canisters (without large knob on lid)
To release vacuum and open, push gray rubber button on lid.

FoodSaver Bulk Canisters and Quick Marinators (with large knob on lid) and Universal Lids
To release vacuum and open, turn knob on lid to **Open**.

FoodSaver Jar Sealer with Mason Jars
For use with Ball® and Kerr® brand Mason jars.

IMPORTANT: Do NOT use screw bands when vacuum packaging jars. To open, wedge spoon between Mason jar lid and highest part of threaded rim. Twist spoon gently to release vacuum.

FoodSaver Bottle Stoppers
To release vacuum and open, twist and pull up on Bottle Stopper.

Accessories

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Additional Features & Tips

For more usage tips and safety information, please refer to the FoodSaver Reference Guide or visit our website at ***www.foodsaver.com****.*

Removable Drip Tray

The Antibacterial Drip Tray **(F)** is made with an FDA-approved antibacterial ingredient that helps inhibit the growth of bacteria. The Drip Tray fits inside the Vacuum Channel **(C)** and is removable, making cleanup easy when small amounts of liquids are inadvertently pulled into Vacuum Channel during vacuum process (see *FoodSaver Reference Guide* for tips on preventing this).

Place Drip Tray into Vacuum Channel. Two bag guides in Drip Tray help correctly position FoodSaver Bags when vacuum packaging. Slip open end of bag into guides before closing lid and vacuum packaging. After each use, empty Drip Tray and wash in warm soapy water or place on top rack of dishwasher. Appliance can be used without Drip Tray.

Tips on Sealing a Bag

Make sure you've placed the bag in the proper place. When making a bag from a roll, make sure end of cut piece is on Sealing Strip **(E)**, not over rubber gasket **(G)** or in Vacuum Channel **(C)**.

Prevent moisture or liquid from being pulled into the Vacuum Channel or trapped in the seal. Either pre-freeze moist foods such as raw meat for 1-2 hours before vacuum packaging, or place a folded paper towel between food and end of bag to absorb excess liquids. Just be sure to leave at least 3 inches between paper towel and end of bag so that bag seals properly with paper towel inside.

Make sure you give appliance time to cool down. Wait at least 20 seconds between seals. Under very heavy usage, appliance will shut off automatically to prevent overheating. If it does, wait 20 minutes to allow appliance to cool off.

Tips on Removing Air from a Bag

Make sure you've placed the bag in the proper place. When vacuuming and sealing a bag, make sure open end of bag is inside Vacuum Channel **(C)**.

Check for wrinkles in the bag along the Sealing Strip. Wrinkles in seal may cause leakage and allow air to come back into bag. Check for wrinkles in bag along Sealing Strip **(E)** before closing lid and vacuum packaging. If you find wrinkles after sealing bag, simply cut bag open and vacuum package again.

If motor runs for more than 30 seconds without stopping, you may need to adjust bag and try again. If you are making the initial seal on a piece of bag material with two open ends, make sure bag is placed on Sealing Strip, not on black rubber gasket. If you are vacuum packaging with a bag, make sure open end is placed down inside Vacuum Channel and make sure Accessory Hose **(D)** is not attached. If you are vacuum packaging with an accessory, check Accessory Hose in appliance lid and in accessory to ensure a tight fit.

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